

ENCOURAGEMENT/PRAISE PHRASES

- Good for you!
- Terrific!
- Marvelous!
- You're doing fine
- Good improvement
- Way to go!
- I'm proud of you
- Nice going
- WOW!
- Wonderful!
- Awesome!
- You're learning fast
- You make it look easy
- That is much better
- Job well done
- Super!
- You did a lot of work today
- Keep it up
- Congratulations
- Excellent!
- Cool!
- That's great
- What an improvement
- Good thinking
- That's it!
- That's better
- You haven't missed a thing
- Fantastic!
- You outdid yourself today
- You're doing a better job
- You go, girl!
- You must have been practicing
- You remembered!
- I knew you could do it!
- I'm very proud of you
- You're really learning a lot
- You are very good at that
- Yes
- Marvelous
- Attaboy!
- I like the way you do that
- Very nice
- Good work
- That's the way
- Good idea
- What a clever idea
- I like the way you _____
- I had fun _____ with you
- You showed a lot of responsibility when you _____
- You're the best
- That's beautiful
- I'm sure glad you're my son/daughter
- Now you've got it
- I love you
- I like you

WAYS TO SHOW APPROVAL

- Smile
- Nod
- Pat on shoulder, back, or knee
- High five
- Thumb up
- Laugh (with, not at)
- Hug
- Applaud

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